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- 1. The Soviet jet plane RS-48, built in the USSR on the basis of plans obtained from the Germans, is similar in all respects to the German jet plane ME-262. This plane is equipped with two turbo-jet engines placed under the wings. Its theoretical velocity is about 1,000 kilometers per hour and it is extraordinarily maneuverable in the air. Its range is about 3,000 kilometers and it can reach an altitude of 10,000 meters. It is armed with six machine guns and two small 20 mm cannon. This plane was built under the direction of German engineers in the State Aircraft Factory located in the eastern part of Moscow. The chief engineer assigned to the project is the ex-German builder Henzman (unidentified), who was employed in the construction section of the Messerschmitt factory in Wienerneustadt, Austria.
- 2. Besides the above-mentioned plane, Soviet plane factories have begun to build a new type of medium bomber which also will be jet propelled. This plane seems to be identical with a German experimental plane of an unidentified type which was built just before the end of the war. The plans for this plane were obtained by the Soviets in Germany and were taken to the Soviet Union together with a few German experts.

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